

Programmatic Permit Guidance

Bridge General Maintenance and Repair General HPA GH-D9448-01 Appendix D

This guidance will help you interpret and understand the roles and responsibilities for complying with programmatic permits and exemptions for the **General Maintenance and Repair of Bridges**. You must read the permits prior to conducting work. Only familiarity with the permits will ensure your activities maintain compliance. The permit and other referenced documents are available for download at WSDOT's programmatic permit website <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/environment/Programmatics/default.htm>.

Programmatic Permits and Exemptions

- General Hydraulic Project Approval GH-D9448-01, Appendix D
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Work appendix D covers:

This permit allows maintenance, replacement or repair of structure components of bridges located over water, but above the Ordinary High Water Line (OHWL). This includes patching holes in the bridge deck, cap replacement, and stringer addition or replacement. Temporary floating work platforms are allowed below the OHWL.

Work appendix D doesn't cover:

The permit does not allow new construction; bridge replacement or expansion of the existing structure within state waters or the floodplain; or work that could result in bridge failure, or release grindings or toxic materials to water.

When and how often work is allowed:

The permit allows the work to be done "as necessary"; however, any associated work that will shade saltwater aquatic plants for more than 72 hours is limited to between October 1 and April 30. Work in freshwater is allowed throughout the year.

Work restrictions:

The permit specifies restrictions and required practices that minimize pollutants entering the water and the disturbance of vegetation.

Permit Questions?

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Reporting requirements:

Complete and accurate reporting of all work covered by this permit is a legal requirement.

Pre-project reporting/notification – Pre-project notification or reporting is not required for this work

Reporting a project Maintenance crews fill out the ESA compliance forms on the PDA or the computer. Contact your Regional Maintenance Environmental Coordinator (see list next page) for assistance. When reporting, maintenance staff can recommend improvements to BMPs and mitigation: This is the best way to rid our toolbox of BMPs that do not work and add BMPs that work better.

Non-maintenance projects covered by this permit must submit a Programmatic Permit Reporting Form (form and directions available at the programmatic permit website).

- **When to report** Annual project reports are submitted to WDFW and Ecology by January 31 through Environmental Services Office (ESO). In order to meet this deadline, project reports must be completed by January 10. Appendix B and S3.B, specify the required information. ESO will submit a report even if no work was done

Emergency reporting

Distressed or dead fish and water quality problems must be reported to the RMEC and regional WDFW and Ecology offices below.

Ecology Regional Contact Information:

Southwest Region P.O. Box 47775 Olympia, WA 98504-7775 Fax # 360-407-6305 Deborah Cornett - supervisor for water quality inspectors/construction dcorn461@ecy.wa.gov . 360-407-7269 Margaret Hill - water quality inspector mhill461@ecy.wa.gov . 360-407-0246 Janet Boyd - water quality inspector jboy461@ecy.wa.gov . 360-407-0245 Besty Dickes - water quality inspector bedi461@ecy.wa.gov . 360-407-6283 Rusty Post - water quality inspector (Vancouver field office) rpos461@ecy.wa.gov . 360-690-4787	Northwest Region 3190 160th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 9808-5452 Fax # 425-649-7098 Don Seeberger - Unit Supervisor for the Water Quality Inspectors/Construction dsee461@ecy.wa.gov . 425-649-4424 John Drabek - supervisor for the water quality inspectors/industrial unit Note - John's group works pretty closely with Don's group - some overlap so John is listed more of a backup but should be included in all e-mail notifications. jdra461@ecy.wa.gov . 425-649-7293
Central Region 15 West Yakima Ave Suite 200 Yakima, WA 98902-3452 Fax # 509-575-2809 Jeff Lewis - supervisor for water quality inspectors jlew461@ecy.wa.gov . 509-454-7207 Ray Latham - water quality inspector rlat461@ecy.wa.gov . 509-575-2807 Terry Whittmeier twit461@ecy.wa.gov . 509-574-3991	Eastern Region N 4601 Monroe Spokane, WA 99205-1295 Fax # 509-329-3570 Lenox Bramble (called Len) - supervisor for water quality permit writers lbra461@ecy.wa.gov . 509-329-3504 Mike Hepp - water quality inspector mhep461@ecy.wa.gov . 509-329-3536

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Region 1 – Spokane: 509-456-4082	Region 4 – Mill Creek: 425-775-1311
Region 2 - Ephrata: 509-754-4624	Region 5 – Vancouver: 360-906-6700
Region 3 – Yakima: 509-575-2740	Region 6 – Montesano: 360-249-4628

WSDOT, Regional Maintenance Environmental Coordinators:

NCR—Joe Williams: 509-667-3054	SCR—Mark Reynolds 509-577-1755
SWR—Candace. Jochim: 360-905-2173	ER —Erv Koller: 509-324-6133
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